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FROM : Chief of Station, Frankfurt

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1. Attached is ZIPPER memorandum 40/Z - No. 1650 which contains the results of the investigation of V-5300 by BVS. It consists, for the most part, of V-5300's reply to our charges. As will be noted, V-5300 denies having any contact with "US" offices or agencies and suggests the possibility that duplicates of his reports might have reached US agencies through other channels. The fabrication charges are likewise denied. On the other hand, V-5300 admits being in contact with Dr. Wilhelm ROETTL; however, he claims that this contact is in no way connected with his intelligence work. BVS admits that one of the sub-sources (V-5382) in V-5300's net was notional; however, primary responsibility for this is placed on V-5381 rather than on V-5300.

2. Although unwilling to accept all of our charges as valid, ZIPPER, nevertheless, is prepared to take immediate steps to drop V-5300 because of "unproductivity". We believe, however, that the dominant factor in moving them to this decision was the report of V-5300's connections through ROETTL with the CAPOTE chain. A report which ZIPPER seems also to have received through its own channels.

3. We have learned through ☐ that CIC Austria is keeping a close watch on V-5300.

4. We are in accord with ZIPPER's proposal to drop V-5300 without attempting further investigation. At this point it seems doubtful that such an investigation by ZIPPER would produce positive results. In any event, without factual details, we would be in a poor position to press ZIPPER to continue the investigation. We will ask CIC Austria to keep us informed on anything of interest which they might uncover concerning ^{subject} ☐

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